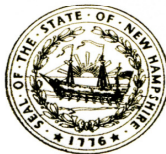


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Friends,

March 7, 2013

Below is a summary of today's Governor & Executive Council meeting.

The big news was on three Commissioners: The Council confirmed Governor Hassan's nominees for the Department of Resources & Economic Development (Jeff Rose) and Banking (Glenn Perlow); and she re-nominated Education Commissioner Virginia Barry to be considered on 3/20.

The meeting also considered several projects impacting residents across this district, including:

**(1) Projects impacting Merrimack Co & Central NH:** Approved a hearing on altering NH-140 in Belmont and aided the Concord Boys & Girls club in undergoing a building expansion and the Concord Hospital in refinancing existing debt.

**(2) Projects impacting the Monadnock Region:** Authorized \$1 million in federal grants to support sewer improvements in Keene and to help develop affordable elderly housing in Marlborough. Also, retroactively approved a grant to Westmoreland to help pay for bank stabilization of Mill Brook at Rt 10.

**(3) Projects impacting Strafford Co:** Approved the final loan amount and rates to pay for the Wastewater Treatment Plan Headworks Project in Rochester, roughly \$200k under the original projection.

**(4) Nominations:** In addition to the Governor's nominations for Commissioner of Banking and Commissioner of Dept of Resources & Economic Development, also confirmed twelve other nominations (list below).

**(5) Other notable items and discussion:** A late item (not on the agenda) was passed to renovate a wing at the NH hospital and create 12 new beds for patients regularly on waiting lists and often stuck in ER's around the state in need of psychiatric or other care; and after significant discussion, the contract for lower-cost inmate calling equipment & services that had been tabled the prior meeting was passed.

Full details on all these items are included below. The next meeting is on March 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know – and **if you prefer not to receive these updates, just drop me an email and let me know and I'll remove you from this list.**

Sincerely,

Colin

(or follow the links below for documentation of each item)

## **1. DETAIL: CENTRAL NH PROJECTS**

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Right of Way's petition for a hearing on an alteration to the NH 140 Intersection with South Road and Jamestown Road in the Town of Belmont. A Commission should be appointed to hold a hearing, and, if the necessity is found, to layout the new highway at this location, with a suggested budget of \$3,702.60.

[Authorized](#) to accept and place on file the Report and Findings of Councilor Colin Van Ostern with regard to the purchase of certain capital equipment and the refinancing of certain existing indebtedness in connection with Concord Hospital Inc., Concord, NH.

[Authorized](#) to accept and place on file the Report and Findings of Councilor Colin Van Ostern with regard to the financing of renovation and expansion in connection with the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Concord, Concord, NH.

## **2. DETAIL: MONADNOCK PROJECTS**

[Authorized](#) to award a grant to the City of Keene, NH, in the amount of \$500,000 to support sewer improvements for a failing sewer system serving 48 households. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) to award a grant to the Town of Marlborough, NH, in the amount of \$492,500 to assist in site development of 24 units of affordable elderly housing. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to enter into a **retroactive** grant agreement with the Town of Westmoreland for bank stabilization of Mill Brook at Route 10 for a total amount of \$10,665. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2013. **100% Federal Funds.**

## **3. DETAIL: STRAFFORD COUNTY PROJECTS**

[Authorized](#) to approve a Supplemental Loan Agreement with the City of Rochester (originally approved by G&C on 5-25-11, item #62), which finalizes and lowers the original loan agreement by \$201,651.74 from \$1,600,000 to \$1,398,348.26. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% CWSRF Repayment Account Funds.**

## **4. DETAIL: APPOINTMENTS & NOMINATIONS:**

(\* = District 2 Resident)

I had the chance to interview both Mr. Rose and Mr. Perlow at length and held a public hearing for Mr. Rose (audio available here: <http://1.usa.gov/XQpyfp>). I received over 100 calls, emails, and letters regarding Mr. Rose's nomination, including a healthy mix of both support and concern, and I am deeply grateful to everyone who contributed their questions and recommendations, both for and against.

CONFIRMED:

**Dept of Resources & Economic Development Commissioner:** Jeffrey Rose

**Banking Commissioner:** Glenn Perlow of Concord, NH\*

**Board of Licensing for Alcohol & Other Drug Use Professionals:** Peter Dalpra of Penacook, NH\*,  
Barry Timmerman

**Appellate Board:** Fred Keach of Concord, NH\*

**Compensation Appeals Board:** Susan Jeffrey

**Current Use Advisory Board:** Chuck Souther of Concord, NH\*

**Dept of Ed, Dir. Of Instruction:** Heather Gage

**Family Mediator Certification Board:** Robert Sturke of Concord, NH\*

**Commission on Human Rights:** David Cole, Harvey Keye, James Martin

**Invasive Species Committee:** Donald Keirstead of Rollinsford, NH\*

**Manufactured Housing Installations Standards Board:** Robert Cook

**Volunteer NH Board:** Annmarie Woods

NOMINATED FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MTG:

**Education Commissioner:** Virginia Barry

**NH Council on the Arts:** Billie Tooley, Portsmouth, NH

**Board of Licensure of Interpreters for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing:** Glenys Crane-Emerson

**Speech-Language Pathology Governing Board:** Laura Darling

**Advsory Council on Unemployment Compensation:** Connie Roy-Czyzowski

**Board of Managers of the NH Veterans Homes:** Paul Lloyd

## **5. DETAIL: OTHER NOTABLE ITEMS AND DISCUSSION**

[Authorized](#) to enter into a contract with Inmate Calling Solutions LLC d/b/a IC Solutions, San Antonio, TX, for Inmate Telephone Services, and Pay Telephone services to various state agencies. Effective upon G&C approval through May 31, 2016 with the option to extend for two years. No State funds will be expended for this contract.